

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A device [[(10)]] for folding plate-like elements [[(1)]] along a fold line [[(2)]] located between a first section [[(3)]] and a second section [[(4)]] of the flat element [[(1)]], the device [[(10)]] comprising a first impression device [[(5)]] and a second impression device [[(6)]] contacting diverse sides [[(3, 4)]] of the fold line [[(2)]] during folding of the flat element [[(1)]], wherein the second impression device [[(6)]] is configured such that the contact force between the second impression device [[(6)]] and second section [[(4)]] of the flat element [[(1)]] comprises a first force component standing perpendicular to the plane of the second section [[(4)]]], and comprises a second force component extending in the plane of the second section [[(4)]] and acting in the direction towards the fold line [[(2)]].

6. (Currently amended) The device [[(10)]] for folding plate-like elements [[(1)]] as set forth in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fold line [[(2)]] of the flat element [[(1)]] is produced to facilitate folding, ~~more particularly~~ in the form of a cross-sectional taper and/or perforation.

7. (Currently amended) The device [[(10)]] for folding plate-like elements [[(1)]] as set forth in claim 5 or 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second force component standing in the plane of the second section [[(4)]] and acting in the direction towards the fold line [[(2)]] is a frictional force between the second impression device [[(6)]] and the second section [[(4)]].

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8. (Currently amended) The device [[(10)]] for folding plate-like elements [[(1)]] as set forth in claim 5, characterized in that wherein during folding of the flat element [[(1)]] the second impression device [[(6)]] assumes a stationary position along which the second section [[(4)]] is guided.

9. (Currently amended) The device [[(10)]] for folding plate-like elements (1) in a continuous operation as set forth in claim 5, characterized in that wherein for use in a continuous operation the second impression device [[(6)]] comprises at least one roller [[(6')]] which contacts the second section [[(4)]] during folding.

10. (Currently amended) The device [[(10)]] for folding plate-like elements (1) in a continuous operation as set forth in claim 9, characterized in that wherein the second impression device [[(6)]] comprises a set of rollers with rollers [[(6)]] arranged in a train in the direction of the continuous operation, which contact the second section [[(4)]] during folding.

11. (Currently amended) The device [[(10)]] for folding plate-like elements [[(1)]] in a continuous operation as set forth in claim 9, characterized in that wherein the axes of the rollers [[(6')]] run substantially parallel to the second section [[(4)]] and assume no right angle relative to the fold line [[(2)]] during folding.

12. (Currently amended) The device [[(10)]] for folding plate-like elements [[(1)]] in a continuous operation as set forth in claim 9, characterized in that wherein the rollers [[(6')]] can be swiveled about the fold line [[(2)]] and/or rotated about an axis perpendicular to the second section [[(4)]] .

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13. (Currently amended) The device [[(10)]] for folding plate-like elements [[(1)]] ~~in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in any of the claims any one of claims claim 9 to 12, characterized in that wherein the at least one roller has a rollers (6') comprise contact surfaces surface having a high friction coefficient.

14. (Currently amended) The device [[(10)]] for folding plate-like elements [[(1)]] ~~in a continuous operation~~ as set forth in claim 5 or 9, characterized in that wherein the first impression device [[(5)]] comprises at least one roller [[(5')]] which contacts the first section [[(3)]] during folding.

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